

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 2 – 3 of the remarks filed 21 May 2010, with respect to claim 21 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 103(a) rejection of 23 March 2010 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 31 – 44 (now renumbered 1 – 14) are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not anticipate, nor does it suggest, the combination as presently claimed. Specifically, a sensor arrangement comprising at least one sensor, at least one integrated signal processing circuit and a substrate forming at least part of interconnecting wiring between the at least one sensor and the integrated circuit, wherein said substrate comprises means for forming a sensor together with a sensor part and wherein the substrate and sensor part are galvanically separated and comprise means for transferring energy and measurement information inductively. These elements in combination with the remaining components of the independent claim are not taught nor are suggested by the prior art. The cited prior art, Berberich, fails to teach wherein a substrate and a sensor are galvanically separated.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIC RUSH whose telephone number is (571)270-3017. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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